

ABSTRACT

"A Surgical Forceps"

5 **(Fig. 1)**

10 A surgical forceps has blades of arcuate shape and handles which are urged apart by
springs on a guide blade which mounts the blades by a pivot joint. The guide blade
projects below the blades. Gripping means formed by bifurcated arms on the guide
blade will, when moved apart, grip an intercostal drain tube between grippers. The
forceps carrying an intercostal drain tube, can be inserted between a patients ribs and
the handles are then moved towards each other to splay the blades apart to provide a
channel for the insertion of a tube. The guide blade may also be mounted between
the blades.

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